

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, June 11, 2009

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Callisto, Commissioner Meyer, and Commissioner Azar.

190-CW-111 – Application of Appleton Water Department, Outagamie, Calumet, and Winnebago Counties, Wisconsin, to Construct Phase 1a Improvements – Chemical Feed Systems Modifications

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

980-WR-100 – Application of Cassville Water & Sewer Utility, Grant County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1250-WR-101 – Application of the City of Colby Municipal Water Utility, Marathon County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1505-CW-101 – Application of Curtiss Municipal Water and Sewer Utility, Clark County, Wisconsin, to Improve Wells No. 1 through 4, Construct Wells No. 6 through 9, Construct a 200,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank, Modify Treatment Plant and Construct Connecting Water Mains

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

2740-WR-107 – Application of Janesville Water Utility, Rock County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3210-CW-100 – Application of Loyal Municipal Water Utility, Clark County, Wisconsin, to Construct New Wells No. 8, 9 and 10, Transmission Main, and a Blending Facility

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3540-WR-100 – Application of Melrose Municipal Water Utility, Jackson County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4130-WR-105 – Application of New London Electric and Water Utility, Outagamie and Waupaca Counties, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5300-WR-100 – Application of the Town of Seneca Sanitary District Number 1, Crawford County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

137-CE-147 – Application of American Transmission Company, as an Electric Public Utility, to Construct a New 345 kV Transmission Line from the Rockdale Substation to the West Middleton Substation, Dane County, Wisconsin

The Commission discussed the record in this docket and made determinations, including the following:

1. The applicant, American Transmission Company (ATC), has demonstrated that the proposed project will meet a reasonable need for an adequate supply of electricity without substantially impairing the efficiency of utility service, providing facilities in excess of probable future requirements or adding to the cost of service without increasing the value or available quantity of service.
2. Energy conservation, renewable resources, or local generation are not cost-effective, technically feasible alternatives to building the project.

3. The Commission authorized construction of the proposed project using the Rockdale-Beltline Route, together with the Arboretum, Odana Golf Course and High Point Alternatives, subject to conditions.
4. ATC shall use alternative structures adjacent to the Odana Golf Course. Commissioner Azar dissented.
5. No portion of the final selected route shall be built underground.
6. The east-west layout option shall be used for the Cardinal Substation.
7. ATC is required to work with the Watts family to minimize the impacts to their residence by developing a landscape plan to reduce visual and noise impacts to the extent practicable.
8. The agricultural protection practices listed in the Agricultural Impact Statement prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, in addition to the commitments listed in Exhibit 31 and ATC's application, shall be followed. ATC's proposed modification to item 18 of the agricultural protection practices is approved.
9. ATC, Commission staff and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources shall work together to determine the appropriate locations for the installation of bird flight diverters and the most suitable designs for use. No additional pre-construction surveys or post-construction monitoring shall be required in regard to bird presence or migration.
10. ATC's environmental commitments, including its commitment to comply with the terms of an agreement it reached with the town of Middleton, are approved.
11. ATC is directed to participate in the selection of an independent environmental monitor, using the standard Request for Proposal process. Decision-making authority as to the scope of the monitoring services is delegated to the division administrator of the Gas and Energy Division.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission